

REMARKS

Claims 3-4 are currently pending in the application. Claims 1-2 and 5-7 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Moreover, Applicants reserve the right to refile the subject matter of the canceled claims in one or more continuation applications. By the present remarks and canceling of the above claims, Applicants submit that the instant rejections are moot, and respectfully requests reconsideration of the outstanding Office Action and allowance of the present application.

Allowed Claims

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation that claims 3 and 4 are allowed.

Rejection of Claims 1-2 and 5-7 is Moot

While Applicants do not acquiesce that the rejection of claims 1-2 and 5-7 is proper, in an effort to advance prosecution, these rejected claims have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer, and with a reservation to refile the subject matter of these cancelled claims in one or more continuation applications.

Application is Allowable

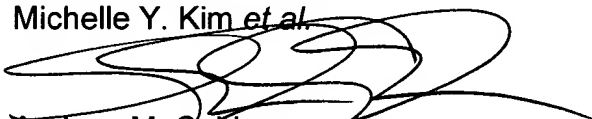
Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that each and every pending claim of the present invention meets the requirements for patentability under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103, and respectfully request the Examiner to indicate allowance of each and every pending claim of the present invention.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks and canceling of the above noted claims, Applicants submit that all of the rejections have been moot, and that the claims are patentably distinct from the prior art of record and in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to pass the above application to issue, and to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below, if needed. Applicant hereby makes a written conditional petition for extension of time, if required.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,
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